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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT: ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON SEPT 20
CARRIED A LENGTHY ARTICLE ABOUT CSCE, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY
NOTABLE FOR ITS RELATIVELY EXTENSIVE AND MATTER-OF-FACT
DISCUSSION OF BASKET III ISSUES. WRITTEN BY LIECH NIEKRASZ
UNDER THE TITLE "REPORT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECURE
EUROPE", THE PIECE EXPRESSES OPTIMISM ABOUT ULTIMATE PROS-
PECTS FOR CSCE WITHOUT, HOWEVER, MINIMIZING THE SERIOUS
DIFFICULTIES YET TO BE OVERCOME. THE ARTICLE IMPLIES THAT
IS IS THE WESTERN SIDE THAT WILL HAVE TO GIVE WAY ON BASKET
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III AND THAT I MAY BE COMPELLED TO DO SO BY THE MOMENTUM

OF DETENTE, AS PROPELLED BY US-SOVIET RAPPROCHEMENT. AMBASSADOR MARIAN DOBROSIELSKI, THE POLISH CSCE DELEGATION CHIEF, IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE WEEKLY PERSPEKTYWY ON SEPT 13 EMBHASIZED THE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES AT CSCE AND ALSO NOTED THAT PUBLIC INTEREST HAS WANED, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE INTERMINABLE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS. ZYCIE WARSZAWY'S ARTICLE AND DOBROSIELSKIS INTERVIEW MARK A RESUMPTION OF SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF CXCE AFTER A HISTUS OF SEVERAL MONTHS (SEE REFTEL). END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

2. SUMMARIZING CSCE ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE, NIEKRASZ NOTES BASKET I PROGRESS, STRESSING THAT ON MOST OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS THE INGREDIENTS OF COMPROMISE ARE BEGINNING TO EMERGE. HE TAKES THE WESTERN SIDE TO TASK FOR CHARGING THAT THE EASTERN CAMP WANTS ONLY TO LEGALIZE THE STAU QUO, AND ARGUES, RATHER, THAT IT SEEKS TO BUILD UPON THE STATUS QUO AN "INFRASTRUCTURE" OF MUTUAL SECURITY AND CONFIDENCE AS A BASIS FOR "LASTING" INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

3. ADDRESSING BASKET III AT SOME LENGTH, NIEKRASZ FIRST ATTACKS ON STANDARD COMMUNIST GROUNDS ALLEGED WESTERN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FREER MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND IDEAS CHARGING THAT THE WESTERN GOAL IS NOT SO MUCH TO CREAT "RULES OF PLAY" AS TO "SMUGGLE" ELEMENTS OF WESTERN IDEOLOGICAL STRATEGY INTO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE ARGUES FURTHER THAT THE SOCIALIST CAMP PREFERS TO EMPHASIZE MULTILATERAL GAREEMENT ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE WITHOUT ADDRESSING SPECIFIC MATTERS (I.E., FREER MOVEMENT) THAT ARE BETTER RESOLVED BILATERALLY. HE ATTEMPTS TO BOLSTER THIS VIEW WITH THE CONTENTION THAT A BASIC FEELING OF SECURITY OFFERS MORE TO THE "COMMON MAN" THAN "IDEAS AND VALUES IMPORTED FROM THE WEST WHICH ARE NOT ALWAYS HIGH-MINDED". THE AUTHOR DECLARES THAT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FAVOR INCREASED EXCHANGES BUT NOT "AT ALL COSTS", AS "CERTAIN" WESTERN CIRCLES WOULD HAVE COMPROMISE IS NECESSARY AND POSSIBLE, HE CONCLUDES, BUT ONLY WHEN THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS RECOGNIZE REALITY ON THIS ISSUE.

4. IN A POSSIBLE FIRST FOR POLISH PRESS COVERAGE OF CSCE. NIEKRASZ SPECIFICALLY SINGLES OUT CERTAIN WESTERN DELEGATIONS FOR PRAISE, LEAVING THE REST BLAMEWORTHY BY IMPLICATION. THE FINNISH AND SWEDISH DELEGATIONS, HE WRTIES, SHOW THE "MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERSTANDIN" FOR THE EASTERN SIDES POSITION, AND THE US DELEGATION EXPRESSES A "CLEAR INTEREST" IN POSITIVE RESULTS" FROM CSCE.

5. CONDLUDING, NIEKRASZ POINTS OUT, AS A MEASURE OF PROGRESS ON THE WORLD SCENE, THAT CONDITIONS OF DETENTE HAVE IMMUNIZED CSCE FROM THE "NEGATIVE INFLUENCES" OF THE OCTOBER WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE CURRENT CYPRUS CRISIS, WHEREAS THE JUNE WAR

IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD HAVE DEMOLISHED CSCE HAD IT CONVENED
IN 1967. HE CREDITS THIS PROGRESS IN LARGE PART TO THE
NARROWING OF U.S. AND SOVIET DIFFERENCES AND THE RESULTING EFFECT
ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL "TRENDS".
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